

REMARKS

Following entry of the above amendment, claims 2-11 and 13-38 will be pending. Claims 1 and 12 have been canceled. Allowable claims 9, 10, 15, 19, and 20 have been re-written as independent claims without change in scope, and to render moot objections. Claims 2-4, 11, 13, 14, and 16-18 have been amended to avoid dependence on canceled claims. In addition, claims 2-4 has been amended without change in scope to render moot objections. Dependent claims 21-38 have been added.

Formal drawings are included herewith to replace the informal drawings of the filed application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication that claims 9, 10, 15, 19, and 20 constitute allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. As noted above, claims 9, 10, 15, 19, and 20 have been re-written as independent claims without change in scope, and to render moot objections, thereby putting them into condition for allowance. In addition, the claims have been amended such that claims 2-8 and 11 depend directly or indirectly on claim 9, and such that claims 13, 14, and 16-18 depend on claim 15, thereby putting those claims into condition for allowance as well. The newly-added dependent claims 21-38 also depend upon claims indicated as allowable, which makes the newly-added claims allowable. All of the pending claims should therefore be in condition for allowance.

Objections to the Claims

The claims have been amended to render moot the objections noted in the Action. Specifically, in re-writing claims 9 and 10, "the test device" has been changed "the tester", and changes have been made to render moot the issue of antecedent basis regarding "the data bus". In claims 2-4 "the information" has been changed to "the control information", and the superfluous "of the" in claim 4 has been deleted. In re-

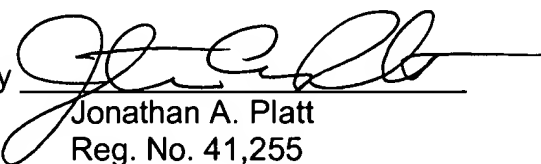
writing claims 15, 19, and 20, "a test device" has been changed to "a tester". With these changes the objections have been rendered moot, and withdrawal of the objections is therefore requested.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested, in which event this application would be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

A check for \$460.00 is enclosed, to cover the fees for the presentation of new and/or amended claims. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. AMDSP0353US).

Respectfully submitted,
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